

Moplah (in Arabic Script)

Letters of the Alphabet

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note)

Initial	Romanization
ا	a
آ	ā
ي	i
ئ	ī
و	u
ۇ	ū
ە	ṛ
ئ	e
ە	ē
ئ	ai
و	o
ۇ	ō
ئ	au

NOTE: Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of syllables are listed. The forms used for vowels following a consonant exclude \mathbf{l} (*alif*), except in the case of \bar{a} (\mathbf{T} or \mathbf{l}'). No distinction between the two is made in romanization.

Initial	Medial	Final	Alone	Romanization
ي	ي	ي	ي	y
ر	ر	ر	ر	r
ل	ل	ل	ل	l
و	و	و	و	w
ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ
ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ
ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ
ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ	ئ

Sibilants	ش	ش	ش	ش
ش	ش	ش	ش	ش
ش	ش	ش	ش	ش
ش	ش	ش	ش	ش

	Initial	Medial	Final	Alone	Romanization
Aspirate	د	د	د، ظ	د	h

Arabic Letters Representing Non-Malayalam Consonants

Initial	Medial	Final	Alone	Romanization
ث	ث	ث	ث	<u>th</u>
ح	ح	ح	ح	h
خ	خ	خ	خ	kh
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	<u>z</u>
ز	ز	ز	ز	z
س	س	س	س	<u>s</u>
ض	ض	ض	ض	<u>z</u>
ط	ط	ط	ط	<u>t</u>
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	<u>z</u>
ع	ع	ع	ع	' (ayn)
غ	غ	غ	غ	<u>gh</u>
ف	ف	ف	ف	f
ق	ق	ق	ق	q
-	-	-	ة	h

RULES OF APPLICATION

Letters Which May Be Romanized in Different Ways Depending on Their Context

- ٰ, ٮ, ٰ (jazm) indicates the absence of any vowel following the letter over which it is written. It is not represented in romanization.

prákrtam

پراکرتم

- When ـ (shaddah) appears over any consonant or digraph, represent it in romanization by doubling the consonant or digraph.

uṇṭākkappeṭṭat

اُنْتَاكَبَّتْ

- Romanize ـ (alif maqsūrah) used in place of ـ to represent the long vowel as ـ.

Músá

مُوسَى

Ísá

عِيسَى

4. When the word ending in ة is in the construct state, romanize ة as *t*.

Tarjamat al-sirru al-jall

ترجمة السر الجليل

Sūrat al-Fātiḥah

سورة الفاتحة

5. When medial or final, romanize ئ (*hamzah*) as ؊.

Khulafā'

خُلُفَاءُ

'Ā'iṣah

عَائِشَةٌ

Zā'ah

ضَاتَّةٌ

6. Romanize the Arabic article ال (also written إل) as *al-*.

'alaihi al-salām

عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

Special Characters	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
,	alif	AE
'	ayn	B0

Character Modifiers	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
ً	acute	E2
ٰ	tilde	E4
ؐ	macron	E5
ؑ	dot above	E7
ؑ	dot below	F2
ؔ	double dot below	F3
ؔ	underscore	F6